

REMARKS

The Office Action of 09/06/2007 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 were rejected as being unpatentable over Chang in view of Szabelski. The claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish over the cited references. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

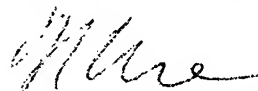
In particular, the claims have been amended to recite in part that the translator is responsive to requests from a controller to *start a transaction* in a second (e.g., lower-speed) format.

The translator of Szabelski is the same in principle as the translator of prior art Figure 3 of the present specification. Differences between this translator and the translator forming part of the present invention are described, among other places, at page 11, line 7 to page 13, line 7 of the present specification.

The translator of Szabelski is not believed to *start transactions* in a second (e.g., lower-speed) format on a connection responsive to requests generated by a controller. Rather, in Szabelski, the translator operates on a data flow of a transaction that has *already been started*, such that the data flow corresponds to an appropriate format.

Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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